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An Act for allowing, until the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and eight, the Importation of certain Fiſh from *Newfoundland* and the Coaſt of *Labrador*, and for granting a Bounty thereon. [17th *March* 1807.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit the Importation of Salted and Pickled Salmon, and Salted dried Cod Fiſh from the Iſland of *Newfoundland* and the Coaſt of *Labrador*, into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to allow, on ſuch Importation, a Bounty on every Quintal or Hundred Weight of ſuch Fiſh ſo imported; be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful to import from the Iſland of *Newfoundland* or the Coaſt of *Labrador*, into the United Kingdom, any Salted or Pickled Salmon, or Salted dry Cod Fiſh, having been taken and cured at the ſaid Places, or either of them, by *Britiſh* Subjects; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Salted Salmon or ſalted Cod may be imported from Newfoundland, &c.

A Bounty of 3s. per Quintal or Cwt. of such Fish imported shall be paid.

II. And be it further enacted, That upon the Importation of such Fish into the said United Kingdom, there shall be paid and allowed to the Importer or Proprietor thereof, a Bounty of Three Shillings for every Quintal or Hundred Weight of such Fish, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity; which Bounty shall be paid and allowed upon the following Conditions, that is to say, Upon the Master and Mate of every Ship or Vessel in which such Fish shall be imported, making Oath at the Port of Importation before the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs in *Great Britain*, or of the Revenue in *Ireland*, that all the said Fish imported in the said Ship or Vessel was taken and cured by His Majesty's Subjects carrying on the Fishery at the Island of *Newfoundland* or on the Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be, and upon such Fish being duly entered and regularly landed in the Presence of the proper Officer or Officers appointed for that Purpose.

Such Fish may be exported without Repayment of the Bounty.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That Salted Cod Fish and Salmon which shall have been imported under the Authority of this Act, and on which the Bounty above mentioned shall have been paid as aforesaid, may nevertheless be exported without being subject to the Repayment of the said Bounty; any Thing in this Act or any other Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Bounty to be under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs in Great Britain, and Commissioners of Revenue in Ireland.

IV. And be it further enacted, That such Bounty shall be under the Management of the respective Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* in *Great Britain*, and the Commissioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, respectively, and shall be paid by the said Collector or other Principal Officer before whom such Oath is directed to be taken as aforesaid out of any Fund under the Management of the said Commissioners respectively: Provided always, That before any Bounty shall be paid upon any such Fish as aforesaid, the same shall be examined by Two indifferent and disinterested Persons, experienced in the Nature of such Fish, appointed for that Purpose at the Port of Importation, with the Approbation of the said Commissioners respectively, which Persons so appointed, together with the proper Officer or Officers who shall attend the Examination of the said Fish, shall declare upon their Corporal Oaths, to be administered by the Collector or other Principal Officer at the Port of Importation, whether the said Fish or any Part thereof is or is not merchantable, and in case any such Fish or any Part thereof, shall not be merchantable, no Bounty shall be allowed or paid on the Importation thereof.

Act not to alter any Act relating to Salt.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to vary, alter, or repeal any Act or Acts of Parliament, made for the Security of the Duties upon Salt, but that every Act or Acts of Parliament relating to such Duties, shall remain in force in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been made.

Bounty not to be paid for a greater Quantity of Fish than is mentioned in Manifest.

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Bounty shall be paid or allowed on the Importation of any such Fish, for or upon any greater Quantity or Weight thereof, than is or shall be contained and expressed in the Manifest required by Law upon the Importation thereof into any Port of the United Kingdom.

VII. And

Bounty extended to such Fish landed in Guernsey and Jersey.

VII. And whereas it is expedient that the Bounty hereby granted to the Importers and Proprietors of Fish landed in the United Kingdom, should be extended to Fish landed in the Islands of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*; be it therefore enacted, That upon the Importation of the like Sort of Fish into the Islands of *Guernsey* and *Jersey* respectively, from the Island of *Newfoundland* and the Coast of *Labrador*, there shall be paid and allowed to the Importer or Proprietor thereof, the like Bounty of Three Shillings for every Quintal or Hundred Weight of such Fish, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity, which Bounty shall be paid upon the following Conditions, that is to say, Upon the Master and Mate of every Ship or Vessel in which such Fish shall be imported, making Oath at the Port or Place of Importation before the proper Officer of the Customs there (which Oath he is hereby authorized to administer) that all the said Fish imported in the said Ship or Vessel was cured by His Majesty's Subjects carrying on the Fishery at *Newfoundland* and Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be, and has not since been landed in any Port or Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, for the Purpose of receiving the Bounty payable by this Act upon such Fish when imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively; and also upon such Fish being examined by Two indifferent and disinterested Persons residing in the said Islands respectively, experienced in the Nature of such Fish, appointed for that Purpose by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for the Time being in *England*, which Persons so appointed, shall declare upon their Corporal Oaths, to be administered by such proper Officer as aforesaid, whether the said Fish or any Part thereof is or is not merchantable, and in case any such Fish, or any Part thereof shall, upon such Declaration, appear not to be merchantable, no Bounty shall be allowed or paid on the Importation thereof.

which may be exported without Repayment of Bounty.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That Salted Cod Fish and Salmon, upon which the Bounty above mentioned shall have been paid as aforesaid, may nevertheless be exported without being subject to the Repayment of the said Bounty, any Thing in this or in any other Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Such Bounty shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs in England.

IX. And be it further enacted, That such Bounty shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, and shall be paid out of any Duties of Customs under the Management of the said Commissioners, upon a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of such proper Officer as aforesaid, that Oath hath been made before him that all the said Fish had been taken and cured by His Majesty's Subjects carrying on the said Fishery at *Newfoundland* or the Coast of *Labrador*, as the Case may be, mentioning the Name of the Ship and the Time when the said Fish was imported, together with the Name of the Importers or Proprietors thereof; and also that Oath had been made before him that such Fish was merchantable, and appears to such Officer to be duly entitled to the Bounty granted by this Act; and further, that the Quantity or Weight thereof does not exceed the Quantity or Weight contained and expressed in the Manifest of the Ship or Vessel in which such Fish was imported into the said Islands respectively.

X. And

Penalty 100l. for fraudulently obtaining Bounty.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall in any Manner whatever, fraudulently obtain any Bounty upon the Importation of such Fish, or shall enter any such Fish for the Purpose of obtaining any Bounty thereon, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in every such Case the Person or Persons so offending shall for each and every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

How Bounty shall be paid and allowed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Bounty upon the Importation of such Fish shall be paid and allowed in such and the like Manner and under such and the like Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as any Bounties on the Importation of the Produce of the *British* Fisheries may, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, be paid and allowed, so far as the same are applicable thereto; and the several Clauses, Powers, and Directions therein contained shall, and are hereby directed and declared to extend to, and shall be respectively applied, practised and put in Execution, for or in respect of the Bounty hereby allowed, as far as the same are applicable thereto, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, as if all and every the said Clauses, Provisions, Powers, Directions, Penalties, and Forfeitures were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

Continuance of Act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and eight.

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